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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Specialist *D. Jensen*

RE: Site Inspection, Western States Mining Company, Drum Mine Reclamation Project,
M/027/007, Millard County, Utah

Date of Inspection: June 5, 2000
Time of Inspection: 9:00 a.m.
Conditions: Hot and Windy
Participants: Doug Jensen, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: Start of Reclamation Activities

This site visit was made to answer any concerns that Western States equipment operators had concerning the completion of site reclamation. This site visit was previously scheduled for May 23rd, but because all the equipment had not arrived on site the initial visit had been post-poned.

When I arrived at the site Jim Ashton, Chuck Cundick, and Gaylen Cropper, Western States employees were unloading a vehicle. The only equipment at the site was a D9N cat and a fuel truck. This cat has a semi U blade, while it is not the best for this type of work, it is the next best thing. The cat has new tracks, some new rollers and bearings, and had been recently checked over thoroughly, (hopefully limiting any down-time due to break-downs). Jim Ashton indicated that the second cat would be arriving at the site sometime during the day. The trackhoe would not be arriving on site for a week or so.

Initially Western States had planned to start the equipment at the Alto site and work their way back to the main mine site. Starting at the Alto would allow the trackhoe to be hauled and eliminate the need to "tram" to this site. This site is the most remote portion of the areas to be reclaimed. Once the reclamation of the Alto site is completed, the reclamation of the haulroad between this site and the mine could be completed as the equipment worked their way back to the main site. Because the arrival of the trackhoe had been delayed, the cats were going to start working the slopes of the dumps until the trackhoe arrives on site. Once the reclamation of these remote areas are completed, work can concentrated on the main mine site.

I requested that Chuck Cundick notify me when the trackhoe was scheduled to arrive at the site. This was because the time required to complete the Alto reclamation is about two days and I would like to approve the work before the equipment moves from the Alto site.

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I dove to the Alto site to check the areas before I left the area. Access to the area remains about the same as the last visit and will not require any regrading before the trackhoe can be hauled to that area.

The one cat on site, began work on the waste dumps as I left the site late in the afternoon and returned to Salt Lake.

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cc: Buzz Gerick, Western States Minerals
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